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For: Continuous Method for the Production of a Pigment Masterbatch

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES**  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) dated May 19, 2006, submitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application is the executed Declaration. A copy of the Notification relating to this application is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the surcharge due (37 CFR 1.16(e)) in the amount of \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-2060. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fee deficiency asserted to be paid, or which should have been paid herewith, or with any paper hereafter filed in this application and credit any fee overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2060.

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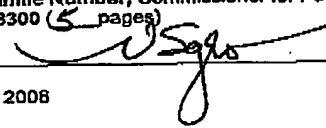
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 02/03/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 02/03/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 02/03/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 02/03/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/04/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 02/03/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 02/03/2006
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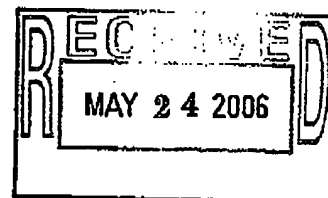
The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:



- \$130 Surcharge.

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